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- Survey *Daubert* at 25 with a leading federal judge and toxic tort trial lawyers
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What You Will Learn



- How to navigate the lines between consulting and testifying experts and getting the most out of both for the least cost
- What the new Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) means for regulation and litigation regarding chemicals and consumer products
- Litigating the new world of drinking water torts, from Legionella to lead
- Litigation funding for plaintiffs: How does the defense bar adjust?
- Estimating damages: The intersection of law and economics and how Deepwater Horizon has changed calculating natural resource damages

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:00 p.m. **Registration**

5:00 p.m. **Speed Networking** | Come ready with your pithy elevator speech and your business cards—it's time to get to know many of your fellow practitioners and other conference participants. This fast-paced exercise will allow you to start new relationships in a fun setting. No preregistration necessary and you can join anytime within the hour! For more information, please contact Kristen Orr, korr@stites.com.

SPONSORED BY **ROUX Associates Inc.**6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**SPONSORED BY **King & Spalding**

7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Wireless AccessSPONSORED BY **Husch Blackwell LLP**7:00 a.m. **Registration**7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**SPONSORED BY **CTEH****Quattlebaum Grooms & Tull, PLLC**7:00 a.m. **First-Time Attendees Breakfast****Carmen R. Toledo**, *King & Spalding LLP*, Atlanta, GA8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction****Jeffrey A. Holmstrand**, *Grove Holmstrand & Delk PLLC*, Wheeling, WV**William J. (Bill) Hubbard**, *Thompson Hine LLP*, Cleveland, OH

8:10 a.m. **A Historical Perspective on Environmental Statutes and the Implications for the Modern Lawyer**

Mr. Cruden will survey three decades of the major federal environmental statutes (CAA, CWA, CERCLA, RCRA), their effect on federal-state roles and the common law, and what to expect ahead.

John C. Cruden, *American College of Environmental Lawyers*, Washington, DC*Click on any speaker name to view bio.*

9:00 a.m. **A Toolbox of Science and Law for Pesticide and Agricultural Chemical Litigation**

This presentation provides a primer on the effective investigation and defense of pesticide crop injury lawsuits, which involves toxicology, plant physiology, mode of action, and drift-modeling principles, and it also addresses other emerging issues and trends in pesticide litigation.

 **Joseph R. Alberts**, *Dow AgroSciences*, Indianapolis, IN

Kassim Al-Khatib, PhD, *University of California*, Davis, CA9:50 a.m. **Refreshment Break**SPONSORED BY **Burr & Forman LLP**10:10 a.m. **CSI Nashville: Environmental Forensics**

This primer will explore the latest forensic tools for assessing fate and transport of contaminants, including compound-specific isotope analysis, molecular biology techniques, and the best science for vapor intrusion cases.

Mark M. Davidson, PhD, *Geosyntec Consultants Inc.*, Pasadena, CA**James B. (Jimmy) Slaughter**, *Beveridge & Diamond PC*, Washington, DC11:00 a.m. **The Road to Causation**

Along with exposure, causation is the definitive issue in most toxic tort cases, often proved through the complex science of epidemiology. Learn fundamentals of association and general and specific causation.

Suresh Moolgavkar, MD, PhD, *Exponent*, Seattle, WA


11:50 a.m. **Lunch-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for lunch (*on your own*). More details on-site.

1:40 p.m. **Protecting the Privilege and Ethics: When the Remediation Consultant Becomes Your Testifying Expert**

Learn how to preserve the attorney-client privilege and work product protection over the work and communications of the environmental consultant and ethical considerations when doing so.

MODERATOR | **Elizabeth Taber**, *King & Spalding LLP*, Houston, TX

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 **Scott Palmer**, *Arcadis US Inc.*, Highlands Ranch, CO

2:50 p.m. **Tracks** (see below)
4:40 p.m. **Adjourn**
4:50 p.m. **Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee Meeting** (*open to all*)
6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**
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7:30 p.m. **Party at Acme Feed & Seed** | One of Nashville's most unique venues, the Acme Feed & Seed provides a great spot to join colleagues and friends to explore Nashville's music scene and learn why Nashville is known as America's Music City. From there, it is a short walk back to the hotel, or stay on Broadway to experience all the music that Nashville has to offer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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7:00 a.m. **Registration**


TRACKS

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2:50 p.m.	<p>Contingent Valuation of Environmental Goods: The Roll of Economists in Toxic Tort Litigation</p> <p>The natural resource damages claims following the Deepwater Horizon spill demonstrate significant deficiencies in survey-based damage models used to support contingent valuation calculations in environmental cases, and provide a backdrop to discuss and analyze such models.</p> <p>James C. Burrows, <i>Charles River Associates</i>, Boston, MA</p>	<p>What, Me Worry? Environmental Reopeners</p> <p>We'll take the mystery out of reopeners by sharing the legal basis for reopeners (under CERCLA and various state laws), and provide real-world examples of legal and technical developments that have or may trigger reopeners.</p> <p> Gregory Kelder, <i>Brandywine Group of Insurance and Reinsurance Companies</i>, Philadelphia, PA</p> <p>Adam H. Love, PhD, <i>Roux Associates Inc.</i>, Oakland, CA</p> <p> C. Nicole Sullivan, <i>BASF Corporation</i>, Florham Park, NJ</p>
3:40 p.m.	<p>Refreshment Break SPONSORED BY Barnes & Thornburg LLP</p>	
3:55 p.m.	<p>What's in the Water? Understanding Toxic Tort Litigation Arising from Water-Borne Pathogens</p> <p>Municipal and building water-contamination incidents have dominated the headlines over the last few years as a result of the Flint water crisis and Legionnaires' disease outbreaks in New York City and across the country. Dive into the legal issues related to the prevention and control of water-borne pathogens and the necessary response when an outbreak occurs.</p> <p>MODERATOR Kevin C. Mayer, <i>Crowell & Moring LLP</i>, Los Angeles, CA</p> <p>PANEL Kimberly A. Connick, <i>Harris Beach PLLC</i>, New York, NY J. David Krause, PhD, MSPH, CIH, <i>Forensic Analytical Consulting Services Inc.</i>, Tallahassee, FL Susan E. Smith, <i>Goldberg Segalla LLP</i>, Baltimore, MD</p>	<p>New TSCA: Repercussions in Commercial Transactions, Supply Chain Relationships, and Toxic Tort and Product Liability Law</p> <p>Learn how the new TSCA is redefining supply chain relationships; rewriting due diligence rules of engagement; reopening debate on new avenues in product liability, insurance, and tort law; and raising important questions regarding right to know versus confidentiality.</p> <p>Lynn L. Bergeson, <i>Bergeson & Campbell PC</i>, Washington, DC James J. Jones, <i>Consumer Specialty Products Association</i>, Washington, DC</p>

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
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8:00 a.m. **Announcements**
Kristen K. Orr, *Stites & Harbison PLLC*, Lexington, KY

8:10 a.m. ***Daubert at 25: Has the Gate Been Kept?***
Twenty-five years since it was decided, has *Daubert* lived up to its promise to allow only expert testimony that is "relevant to the task at hand" and rests "on a reliable foundation"?
MODERATOR | **Clifford J. Zatz**, *Crowell & Moring LLP*, Washington, DC
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Edward K. Cheng, *Vanderbilt Law School*, Nashville, TN
The Honorable Jed S. Rakoff, *U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York*, New York, NY
 **Tonja D. De Sloover**, *Energy Transfer Partners LP*, Houston, TX


9:00 a.m. **On Point: Session One** | Three fast-paced presentations on emerging issues
The Power of Diversity in Litigation
Kevin E. Clark, *Lightfoot Franklin White LLC*, Birmingham, AL
Litigation Funding 101
Noel Edlin, *Bassi Edlin Huie & Blum LLP*, San Francisco, CA
What Your Expert Wants You to Know but Is Afraid to Tell You
Louis A. Kapicak, PhD, *Matric*, South Charleston, WV

10:10 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
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10:30 a.m. **On Point: Session Two** | Three fast-paced presentations on emerging issues
Making the Most of Science Days
David C. Landever, *Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver LLC*, New Orleans, LA
Jurisdiction
 **Gregory V. Jolivet, Jr.**, *The Sherwin-Williams Company*, Cleveland, OH

Next Generation CAA Compliance and Reliability Issues
Shari Beth Libicki, PhD, *Ramboll Environ Inc.*, San Francisco, CA


11:40 a.m. ***Navigating Water Law Litigation***
A panel will discuss recent developments in U.S. Supreme Court cases and regional collaboration involving water resources, the effect on water management, and how the public trust doctrine is being used in court to protect public water resources.
Brenda Washington Davis, *The Brenda Davis Law Group*, Sacramento, CA
Barton H. (Buzz) Thompson, Jr., *Stanford Law School*, Stanford, CA
David Ullrich, *Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative*, Chicago, IL

12:30 p.m. ***Insurance in Environmental Litigation***
A primer on coverage and notice issues and a discussion of best practices to ensure that in-house counsel, outside counsel, and the insurer work together effectively and efficiently.
 **Steven J. Antunes**, *AEGIS Insurance Services Inc.*, East Rutherford, NJ

1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Titans of Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Luncheon 1:30–3:00 p.m.
This event provides young lawyers with the opportunity to dine with the pioneers in the field and learn what it takes to be a top toxic tort lawyer. Luncheon will take place at a nearby restaurant and is limited to the first 30 attendees. To register and for more information, please contact Kim Connick at KConnick@HarrisBeach.com.

On-Site Community Service Project: Help Our Troops! 3:00–5:00 p.m.
Spend the afternoon working with Operation Gratitude, assembling stuffed bears for families of deployed troops. Participation is open to all attendees and their families. Please join us! DRI thanks our member firms that raised money to sponsor this worthwhile project. For more information, please contact Josh Shaw at JShaw@hedrickgardner.com.

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